For seventh–generation student Jeff Brown and 120 others in the Class of 2007, the concept of the “Hope family” is literally true.

Please see pages three, 10 and 11.
Walking the talk

As she pulled weeds alongside students who volunteered for “Time to Serve” on Saturday, Aug. 30, visiting Christian musician Sarah Masen saw the pattern clearly.

A multi-Dove award nominee, singer-songwriter Masen was on campus for an evening concert through the college’s Christian Music Series on Friday, Aug. 29, back by popular demand following an appearance last November. Her visit also included morning chapel on Friday as well as the volunteer work of freshmen.

It made perfect sense to her that just as Dimnent Memorial Chapel was filled to capacity the previous morning, some 500 students devoted their first Saturday of the school year to helping their new community.

They were walking the talk.

“This is the force—love, commitment, sacrifice—it’s the force that moves the world,” she said, noting that helping others “is not separated from the good act of worship, and I think the kids know that.” Jared Call, a junior from Saline, Mich., echoed the sentiment as he led the group clearing trails at the DeGraaf Nature Center.

“A big part of being a Christian is getting out and working in the community and serving,” he said.

Although many upperclassmen participate (a group from the Cosmo fraternity even signed up on Saturday morning upon noticing the participants getting ready to leave campus), “Time to Serve” is especially geared toward new students, and seeks to provide an introduction to the Holland area and opportunities for service while also fostering friendships. Those were all reasons the event appealed to freshmen.

Holland native Nicole Price, working in the same group, felt the same way.

“I want to do community service,” she said. “I want to get involved at Hope, and I thought this would be a good way to start.”

“Quote, unquote”

Quote, unquote is an eclectic sampling of things said and about Hope College.

With the members of the Hope College Class of 2007 at the end of their college experience, Opening Convocation speaker Dr. David Marker on Sunday, Aug. 24, provided a user’s guide for approaching a “life-changing” liberal arts education. He presented “Archons of Hope in a Turbulent World” in Dimnent Memorial Chapel, addressing a capacity audience of about 1,100, primarily new students and their parents.

He offered his advice in light of his own experience when acquiring a new computer or software. Eager to get started, he admitted, he typically neglects the user’s manual, some- times with unfortunate results.

“Well, so it is with liberal arts education in a way. Very few of us have seen, much less read, a user’s guide to liberal arts education,” Dr. Marker said. “So I wrote one for you.”

First, he said, the students should make the most of required courses outside of their primary area of interest. “These courses expose you to the breadth of human knowledge and cause you to explore the best that has been thought and written and composed and invented,” Dr. Marker said. “It is in the breadth of your liberal education that you will be changed forever as a human being, because your liberal education will give you new hopes, and new dreams, new insights and new aspirations. This liberal education that you’re about to embark on is a life-changing venture.”

Second, he said, students should hone their oral and written communication skills. He encouraged them to enroll in courses that require extensive reading and writing, and oral presentations. “You’ll be cheating yourself if you don’t improve your ability to write and speak clearly and persuasively while at Hope,” Dr. Marker said. “And if it is not a good enough reason for its own sake, you’ll have a great competitive advantage when you go to interview for that first job.”

Third, Dr. Marker said, students should learn as much science as possible, even if majoring in a non-science field—not least of all so that they can grapple with issues ranging from cloning, to global warming, to the disposal of nuclear waste. “It is obvious to all of us that we live in a world which is increasingly dependent upon and governed by science and technology,” he said. “For that reason alone, you should learn as much science as you can, certainly to be a well-educated human being and a responsible citizen and voter.”

Fourth, he said, the students need to become informed about religion. “Religious studies give an absolutely essential look at the ideas and forces that have contributed so much to the evolution of Western civilization and certainly they are of no less importance at this time than they have ever been in the past,” he said. “You know, while you’re here you ought to take an in-depth look at Islam. Given the recent attack on our country by Islamic terrorists on 9/11, and most recently this past week the bombing of UN headquarters in Baghdad and the suicide bombing of a bus in Israel carrying 21 men and women and six children, who can doubt that this world has become ever so much more turbulent, especially in the last few years? To really understand these extremists’ motives, you need to know much more about Islam than the great majority of Americans know.”

Finally, he said, the students will realize character benefits from the college’s Christian foundation. “This faith was born here by those who founded Hope almost a century and a half ago. It provides the ethical and moral grounding needed to live a life of integrity, freedom and service,” he said. “It provides the commitment to taking the compassionate and just ‘high road’ in dealing with one another.”

On the cover

Our main photo shows freshman Jeff Brown, the college’s first seventh generation student. Please see pages three, 10 and 11 for more about him and all of this year’s Generational New Students.

At top center is a moment from this year’s Pull tug-of-war. More photos are on page nine.

At top right is the old Xerox Sigma 6 computer of many decades past. As the story on page 20 notes, computer science as a discipline has changed just a bit since the days of such massive reel—using machines.

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GUIDE RATINGS: With the arrival of fall arrive also new editions of several college guides, and Hope continues to fare well. Some examples:
The 2004 edition of the America’s Best Colleges guide produced by U.S. News and World Report includes Hope among the top 100 liberal arts colleges in the nation. Hope also again appears in the publication’s listing of colleges and universities that are outstanding in their emphasis on undergraduate research or creative projects (the category debuted last year, and Hope tied for fourth out of every school in the country. This year the category does not rank the 39 schools listed).

Hope is also included in the new The Best Midwestern Colleges: 150 Great Schools to Consider, one of five regional “best college” guides published by The Princeton Review. In its “Inside Word” summary the guide notes, “The school is a natural fit for top students who are comfortable participating in the Reformed community.”

The 2004 Fiske Guide to Colleges opens by likening the Pull tug–of–war to students’ faith journey: “This annual tradition evokes the daily struggle Hope students face: to maintain their faith in a world eager to challenge it at every turn.” Of the college generally, the guide notes: “Hope continues to be considered one of the nation’s leading liberal arts colleges.”

Hope is included in Kaplan Publishing’s The Unofficial, Unbiased Guide to the 328 Most Interesting College, 2004 Edition. Hope is rated as a top school with popular drug–free and alcohol-free activities for students.

STUDENT RESEARCH HONORED: Lindsey Root ‘03 has received second place in a competition sponsored by the national Psi Chi psychology honorary society for research she conducted as a student.

Root, a psychology major, has been recognized for her paper “Enhancing Recall of Names by Providing Feedback on the Use of Expanding Retrieval” in the national Psi Chi/Allyn & Bacon Psychology Awards competition. Sponsoring by Allyn & Bacon publishers, the awards are open to all undergraduate Psi Chi members and recognize those who submit the best overall empirical research papers. Root conducted her research at Hope with Dr. John Shaughnessy, professor of psychology.

Copies of her paper were distributed at the Allyn & Bacon exhibition booth during the American Psychological Association convention held in Toronto on Thursday–Sunday, Aug. 7–10. The abstract of her paper, along with a biographical sketch and her photo, is also appearing in the fall edition of the Eye on Psi Chi, the honorary society’s national publication. The recognition also includes a $500 cash prize and an award certificate.

In addition to her research on memory with Dr. Shaughnessy, she also worked with Dr. Charlotte van Oyen Witvliet of the Hope psychology faculty on several projects, focusing on forgiveness, justice and psychophysiology. Root is now in the Ph.D. program in clinical psychology at the University of Miami in Florida, studying forgiveness, gratitude and spirituality across the life span under the direction of Dr. Michael McCullough.

In all the family

With a Hope lineage stretching back to the 1850s, Jeff Brown’s college choice could have seemed a foregone conclusion.

In the end, though, family history wasn’t why he enrolled and made the 13-hour drive to campus from Colts Neck, N.J.

“It was very important. That’s what drew my attention to the school,” he admitted shortly after arriving on move–in day in August. “But I like Hope anyway—it’s a great school.”

Brown is Hope’s first “seventh generation” student, with a history that predates the chartering of the college itself. His Hope family past begins with his great–great–great–great grandfather, Adrian Zwemer, who was an 1857 graduate of the Holland Academy, the high school from which Hope grew. Hope enrolled its first freshman class in the fall of 1862 and was chartered in 1866.

Brown is interested in music education, and his schedule already includes several courses in the department. He is also interested in the chapel program, and as he considered colleges valued Hope’s ties to the Reformed Church.

“That’s another reason why the school was so important—the Reformed Church connection,” he said. And well it might be. The denomination tracks through his family tree every bit as consistently as the college itself, with pastors in every generation.

His four–great–grandfather, Adrian Zwemer, came to the United States from the Netherlands in 1849, settling first in New York state and later coming to Holland. He was licensed as a minister of the Reformed Church in America in 1858, becoming one of the earliest ministers in the pioneer Holland colony.

Jeff’s great–great–great grandfather, James F. Zwemer, was a member of the Class of 1870. Like his father, he became a Reformed Church minister and later in his career was affiliated with Western Theological Seminary as a member of the board and professor of practical theology from 1907 to 1916.

Jeff’s great–great–great–great grandfather, Siebe C. Nettinga, graduated from Hope in 1900 and also joined the seminary faculty after pastoring several churches. He was named professor of historical theology in 1918 and in 1928 became president of the seminary, serving in both posts until his death in 1938.

His great–grandparents were the Rev. Alvin Neevel ’26 and Cornelia Nettinga ’27 Neevel. Alvin Neevel went on to Western Theological Seminary and also became a pastor and denominational executive.

Jeff’s grandfather, James Neevel ’56, also became a minister. He and wife Barbara Jeffrey ’56 Neevel retired in 2000 after 41 years in ministry, the last 25 with the New Hackensack Reformed Church. They now live in Clifton Park, N.J.

His mother, Kay Neevel ‘82 Brown, earned distinction herself upon enrollment as Hope’s first sixth generation student 25 years ago. His father Scott isn’t a Hope graduate, but like others in Jeff’s family is active in the RCA. He is senior pastor at Colts Neck Reformed Church, where Kay teaches nursery school.

Freshman Jeff Brown is Hope’s first “seventh generation” student, with a history that predates the chartering of the college itself. He is pictured on move–in day in August with his parents, Kay Neevel ’82 Brown and the Rev. Scott Brown, senior pastor at Colts Neck Reformed Church.

Reading is Believing: The Christian Faith through Literature and Film, published by Brazos Press.

ForeWord Magazine is an industry publication targeted primarily at independent booksellers. It was established to bring increased attention to the literary achievements of independent publishers and their authors. It is the only magazine showcasing reviews and title trends exclusively from that market.

Dr. Cunningham’s book is the first ForeWord Magazine award winner for Brazos Press.

(See “Campus Notes” on page eight.)
Events

Academic Calendar

Fall Semester
Oct. 31–Nov. 2, Friday–Sunday—Parents’ Weekend
Nov. 27, Thursday—Thanksgiving Recess begins, 8 a.m.
Dec. 1, Monday—Thanksgiving Recess ends, 8 a.m.
Dec. 5, Friday—Last day of classes
Dec. 8–12, Monday–Friday—Semester Examinations
Dec. 12, Friday—Residence halls close, 5 p.m.

Spring Semester ’04
Jan. 4, Sunday—Residence halls open, noon
Jan. 6, Tuesday—Classes begin, 8 a.m.

Admissions

Campus Visits: The Admissions Office is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays, and from 9 a.m. until noon on Saturdays. Tours and admissions interviews are available during the summer as well as the school year. Appointments are recommended.

Visitation Days offer specific programs for prospective students, including transfers and high school juniors and seniors. The programs show students and their parents a typical day in the life of a Hope student.

The days for 2003-04 are:

Friday, Oct. 31
Friday, Jan. 30
Friday, Nov. 7
Monday, Feb. 16
Friday, Nov. 21
Friday, Feb. 27
Monday, Jan. 19

Junior Days: Friday, April 2; Friday, April 16

Pre–Professional Day: Wednesday, May 21

For further information about any Admissions Office event, please call (616) 395–7850, or toll free 1-800-968-7850; check on-line at www.hope.edu/admissions; or write: Hope College Admissions Office; 69 E. 10th St.; PO Box 9000; Holland, MI; 49422–9000.

Dance

Student–Choreographed Dance Concert—Monday–Tuesday, Nov. 24–25
Knickerbocker Theatre, 8 p.m.
Admission is free.

De Pree Gallery

“LOTTERIA!”—Through Saturday, Nov. 8
Work by contemporary artists on the theme of la Lotería, the popular Mexican bingo game.

“Juried Student Show”—Monday, Dec. 1–Friday, Dec. 12
Work by Hope students. There will be a reception on Friday, Dec. 5, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

The gallery is open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is free.

Great Performance Series

Terence Blanchard — Thursday, Nov. 13: Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 8 p.m.

Canus — Tuesday, Jan. 27: Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 8 p.m.

Red Priest — Thursday, Feb. 12: Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 8 p.m.

John O’Neal in Sayings from the Life and Writings of Junbug Jabbo Jones
— Monday–Tuesday, March 29–30: Knickerbocker Theatre, 8 p.m.

Individual tickets for Great Performance Series events are $14 for regular adult admission, $12 for senior citizens and members of the Hope faculty and staff, and $5 for children under 18 and Hope students, and go on sale approximately one week prior to the show. Season subscriptions are available for $55 for adults, $45 for senior citizens, $20 for Hope students and $15 for families. Additional information may be obtained by calling (616) 395–6996.

Music

Combined Orchestra and Wind Symphony Concert—Friday, Oct. 31: Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 8 p.m.
Admission is free.

Faculty Recital Series—Saturday, Nov. 2: Wickers Auditorium of Nykerk Hall of Music, 3 p.m.
Admission is free.

Symphonette Concert—Friday, Nov. 7: Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 8 p.m.
Admission is free.

Women’s Chamber Choir Concert—Monday, Nov. 10: St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church, 8 p.m.
Admission is free.

Senior Recital—Saturday, Nov. 15: Richard Van Voors of Holland, Mich., saxophone, Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 4 p.m.
Admission is free.

Jazz Ensemble/Jazz Chamber Ensemble—Monday, Nov. 17: with guest artist Richard Davis, bassist, Knickerbocker Theatre, 8 p.m.
Admission is free.

Orchestra Concert—Friday, Nov. 21: Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 8 p.m.
Admission is free.

Jazz Combos Concert—Monday, Nov. 24: Wickers Auditorium of Nykerk Hall of Music, 7 p.m.
Admission is free.

Jazz Combos/Anchor Band Concert—Tuesday, Nov. 25: Auditorium of Nykerk Hall of Music, 7 p.m.
Admission is free.

Christmas Vespers—Saturday–Sunday, Dec. 6–7: Dimnent Memorial Chapel. The services will be on Saturday, Dec. 6, at 4:30 p.m. and 8 p.m., and on Sunday, Dec. 7, at 2 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.

The public sale of tickets will be held on Saturday, Nov. 22, from 8 a.m. to noon in the lobby of the DeVitt Center, located on Columbia Avenue at 12th Street. Tickets are $5, with a limit of four per person. Additional information may be obtained by calling the college’s Office of Public and Community Relations at (616) 395–7600.

Musical Showcase—Monday, March 1: DeVos Hall, Grand Rapids, Mich., 8 p.m.
Additional information to be announced.

Theatre

King Lear — Wednesday–Saturday, Nov. 19–22
By William Shakespeare
DeWitt Center, main theatre, 8 p.m.

Tickets for Hope College Theatre productions are $7 for regular adult admission, $5 for Hope faculty and staff, and $4 for senior citizens and students, and will be available approximately two weeks before the production opens. The ticket office is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from noon to 5 p.m., and may be called at (616) 395–7890.

Visiting Writers Series

Thursday, Oct. 30—Simon Ortiz
Thursday, Nov. 20—Janet Burroway
Thursday, Dec. 4—Kellie Wells and Steve Orlen
Thursday, Feb. 19—Marianne Boruch
Wednesday, March 10—Jane Hamilton

Wednesday, April 21—Quan Barry and Beth Ann Fennelly

All of this year’s readings will be at the Knickerbocker Theatre. Visit the website at www.hope.edu/alumni for more information.

Alumni and Friends

Regional Events

Chicago, Ill.—Thursday, Nov. 20, 5–7 p.m.
An “After Hours Reception” at Coogan’s, 180 North Wacker Drive.

Various Locations Nationwide—Saturday, Jan. 24

A gathering with Hope and Calvin alumni to watch the Hope-Calvin men’s basketball game on a big-screen television. The game, hosted by Hope at the Civic Center, starts at 3 p.m. Eastern Time. A mailing with details and guest list will be sent to the Hope hosts, and details will also be posted on www.hope.edu/alumni.

Alumni Travel—Wednesday, May 5–Monday, May 24
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Traditions

Nykerk Cup Competition—Saturday, Nov. 1, 8 p.m.
Honors Convocation—Thursday, April 22, 7 p.m.
Baccalaureate and Commencement—Saturday, May 2

Sports Camps

Pitchers/Catchers/Hitters Camp (grades 8–12)—Dec. 26–27
Youth Baseball Camp (grades 3–7)—Dec. 29–30

For more information, please call Sta Fritz at (616) 395–7682.

Instant Information

Updates on events, news and athletics at Hope may be obtained 24 hours a day by calling (616) 395–7888.
Gifts in action: the impact is real

To see how dramatically the impact of the new science center, one need travel no more than about 10 feet from the west staircase.

There, on the first floor, begin the skills laboratory, resource room, meeting space and offices used by the department of nursing. It’s a major change for the program, which was formerly squeezed into a remodeled house on the edge of campus.

And nursing students clearly appreciate the difference the building is making in their education.

“The biggest advantage of the new science building is the nursing skills lab,” said Brad Norden, a senior from Grandville, Mich. “The new lab is full of state-of-the art equipment and is laid out in such a way that students can practice their skills without tripping over each other. It is also nice that all of the faculty now have offices in the same building in which they teach. Accessibility to professors is important for students, and the new locale makes this much more convenient.”

“The new facility has given us more space and resources to accommodate the growing program here, and we have better and more current supplies in the new center,” said Carrie Kurz, a junior from Westlake, Ohio. “I also think it integrates the nursing program into the rest of the sciences instead of completely separating it from the other disciplines.”

Such integration was a key consideration as the new science center was being designed, and not only for nursing but for all the other departments in the facility—biology, chemistry, the geological and environmental sciences and psychology. Professors have been grouped by general area of interest rather than department alone, and informal congregating space—headlined by the soaring, skylighted atrium—abounds.

And it’s working.

“I see faculty interacting that I have never seen interact before,” said Dr. James Gentile, who is dean for the natural sciences and the Kenneth G. Herrick Professor of Biology at Hope. “I’ve watched a physicist and a biologist and a chemist and a geologist sitting down and having a cup of coffee together in the atrium.”

“I’ve watched a chemist walk into a biologist’s laboratory because they happen to be right next to one another and ask the most important question of all: ‘How’s it going? What’s going on?’ And these are exactly the kinds of things you want to see happen—the informal interactions.

And if this building does nothing else, it really promotes the informality through which so much gets done and where new ideas are created. Perhaps especially because her department was for so long on the periphery of campus, Debra Sietsema, assistant professor of nursing and chairperson of the department, readily appreciates the possibilities in the arrangement.

“I think we can interact so much more with the other departments,” she said. “There’s potential to do interdisciplinary research, both for students and faculty. We can also just share how information can be applied or how it can be built upon.”

“That interaction had to be much more purposeful when we were in the other building,” Professor Sietsema said. “But now you can just walk down the hall.”

Nursing began at Hope in 1982 as a program offered jointly with Calvin College. The arrangement allowed the school to share resources, but distance, differing schedules and other logistical challenges didn’t always make it easy. The joint program graduated its final class last spring with each college having decided to go it alone.

The new Hope-only program ran alongside the joint effort for two years. In keeping with Hope’s research-based learning model, all students take a research practicum. The Hope program is emphasizing community outreach as students take placements with organizations and groups ranging from Holland Community Hospital, to local parish nurses, to Pine Rest and the Ottawa County Health Department.

Students apply to enter the program, and demand is high, according to Professor Sietsema—36 students per year are accepted, and several more have indicated an interest. The first class will graduate this spring.

Norden gives the department high marks.

“The nursing program at Hope is outstanding,” he said. “The faculty are well-trained, well-learned and well-prepared to teach the next generation of student nurses.”

“Most importantly, however, the nursing faculty nurtures our belief in holism, the care for not only the body, but the mind and spirit as well,” he said. “This training and teaching combine to equip student nurses at Hope to excel in a broad spectrum of fields.”

The prospects are good for nursing graduates—the nation is experiencing a severe nursing shortage. However, it’s the character of the Hope experience—academic excellence in combination with Christian perspective—rather than numbers that Professor Sietsema feels make the college’s contribution to the field significant.

“Hope has strengths in the natural sciences and in Christian education and thus has a unique opportunity to prepare individuals for lives of servant-leadership in the critical profession of nursing,” she said.

And now, thanks to those who have supported the Legacies: A Vision of Hope campaign, the college has the space to do it right.

Legacies: A Vision of Hope has four primary initiatives: renovating and expanding the Peale Science Center; constructing the DeVos Fieldhouse; increasing the endowment; and general campus improvements, including the construction of the Martha Miller Center for communication, modern and classical languages, international education and multicultural life.

While the Hope family has responded generously in making gifts to the initiatives, the need for support continues.

Thus far, support for the science center totals $25.7 million. Total project cost, including the new building and the renovation of Peale, is $36 million.

A major challenge grant from The Kresge Foundation of Troy, Mich., provides a particular emphasis as the college seeks to complete funding for the new science center. Hope will receive the $850,000 grant upon raising an additional $3.1 million for the new building by March of 2004. Thus far, the college has raised $1.8 million to meet the Kresge challenge.

The goal for the DeVos Fieldhouse project is $20 million, of which $16 million has been raised.

Strong response from the Hope family has yielded $37 million for endowment, exceeding the goal of $30 million. At the same time, Hope’s endowment-per-student remains extremely low among peer institutions, and the difficult economic climate makes building the endowment an even greater priority than when the campaign’s goals were established.

Funding for the Martha Miller Center totals $3.8 million of the $8.5 million goal, and for other campus projects (such as the renovation of Graves and Lubbers halls, of the Dow Center and of Dinkmott Memorial Chapel) totals $2.3 million of the $10.5 million goal.

For more information about Legacies: A Vision of Hope, please visit the college online at www.hope.edu or call (616) 395-7393. To make a pledge to the campaign, please call (616) 395-7775.

Faculty member Julie Moes ’97 works with students in nursing’s basic skills course. The new nursing skills lab, like all of the space in the new science center, is making a major difference to the academic program. The skills lab has been named in recognition of a gift from Dr. Donald Mulder ’48 of Pacific Palisades, Calif., and is on the first-floor nursing wing, named by Gary and Joyce DeWitt of Holland, Mich. Many spaces in the building are named for those who provided leadership gifts in support of the project. As fund-raising continues, naming opportunities remain.
Faculty Perspective

By Caroline J. Simon

Mentoring for mission

I had wonderful mentors as a graduate student at University of Washington.

Professors for whom I was a teaching assistant coached me in how to conduct discussion, how to evaluate student essays. My teachers not only taught me philosophy, they helped become a scholar. I was deeply influenced by Wallace Stegner calls "decent godless people." I could have interesting conversations with them about religion, for they had thought about the subject—indeed many of them had published articles arguing for the incoherence of Christianity. But aside from the model provided by the way their unbelief informed their scholarship, they could give me little help in thinking about how my faith might be relevant to being a philosopher or teacher.

But even more importantly, that seminar became for me a model of how fruitful give-and-take can be among thoughtful Christians who see things differently yet care about the truth and one another. We spent our final days together discussing the course outlines that we were using in our Senior Seminar, sharing ideas and ruminating out loud about how we could help students reflect on their liberal arts education, their future, and their views of faith. Here was mentoring for mission at its best!

But this was not my first encounter with mentoring at Hope College. Even before I had taught my first class, I participated in Hope's Teaching Enhancement Workshop. Though I came to Hope with several years of teaching experience, this workshop helped me quickly grasp the ethos of care for students that makes Hope so special. It also gave me opportunity to hone my presentation skills by doing brief lectures that were video-taped and discussed.

After being at Hope for a decade and a half, I still remember highpoints like Chemistry Professor Mike Silver's "Enthusiasm Them or Lose Them" presentation—I have never forgotten that the first day of class must set a tone of excitement about learning. The spirit of camaraderie among that group of new faculty continued long after the workshop ended. We were also guaranteed to gain two vital lessons: (1) At Hope, teaching matters and (2) we were not alone. Friendly and helpful senior faculty were there to consult and problem solve with us as we embarked on our teaching career at the college. The Teaching Enhancement Workshop continues to initiate new faculty into Hope's one number priority—quality learning experiences for our students.

It is natural for the gratitude that one has for being mentored to result in a willingness to mentor others. Hope College has given me many opportunities to "give back" in this way. In 1994 and 1998, I was able to organize a series of dinner meetings for second-year faculty on faith and learning. In this setting, new faculty could learn about the history and nature of Hope College's connection to the Reformed Church in America.

They could also participate in the ecumenical dialogue about scholarship and teaching made possible by Hope's diverse faculty. New faculty could share their own views of faith—informed as they were by various mainline and evangelical Protestant, Catholic and Orthodox Christian traditions. We could also talk through anxieties or misperceptions that new faculty might have about what Hope's Christian context implied. Over the years, these dinner meetings have matured into a summer seminar led by religion professor Steve Bouma-Prediger '79.

I have also had the opportunity to be a mentor in Hope's one-on-one mentoring program which pairs new faculty with one of us "old timers." The aspiration of this program is that it will allow for an exchange of classroom observation and conversations about design of class-time. In some cases where the mentor's field is close enough to the new faculty member's area of research, the mentoring relationship can also help new faculty as they develop a scholarly agenda. For me as a veteran faculty member, it gave me the gift of watching one of our enthusiastic and talented new teachers in action!

Hope College has high expectations for those of us on the faculty. Part of the reason that Hope's faculty have been able to excel in teaching, scholarship and service in the context of the historic Christian faith is because of Hope's sustained culture of mentoring.

As Gerald Gibson says in his book Good Starts, "The power of heritage, its ability to inspire and motivate—or to constrain—is indisputable. The faculty who have weathered together the ebb and flow of institutional trial and achievement share a sense of what matters and how things are done." Hope College goes out of its way to see that Hope's sense of what matters gets passed on to each new generation of faculty.

Hope is deliberate in helping new faculty become part of the community of scholars pursuing, as the college's Mission Statement says, academic programs with recognized excellence in the context of the historic Christian faith. Here, author Dr. Caroline J. Simon of the philosophy faculty leads the college's course on sexual ethics.

My first sustained experience of a community of Christian scholars was at Hope College. I vividly remember that four-week summer workshop for faculty who taught in Hope's Senior Seminar program. Just having finished my second year at Hope, I was the most junior person in a group that included veteran faculty from a wide range of departments: English, philosophy, theatre, chemistry, psychology and religion.

We read several books and discussed them together—one on Christianity and politics, one on faith-development and one on friendship. While there was widespread consensus that the book on friendship was not very well-written or insightful, our conversations about friendship were so rich that they became a wellspring for two chapters in my first book, as well as several scholarly and popular articles on the subject published over the years.

"Part of the reason that Hope's faculty have been able to excel in teaching, scholarship and service in the context of the historic Christian faith is because of Hope's sustained culture of mentoring.”

Author Dr. Caroline J. Simon is a professor of philosophy at Hope, where she has been a member of the faculty since 1988. She is the lead author of the book Mentoring for Mission: Nurturing New Faculty at Church-Related Colleges, published recently by Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co. The book offers suggestions for schools interested in building or enhancing programs geared toward helping young faculty develop as teachers and scholars within their school's particular context. It draws on the experiences of Hope and a number of other Protestant and Catholic colleges and universities.

It considers topics such as Christian views of personhood, the role of Christian virtues in mentoring, the value of mentoring in discerning one's particular calling as a teacher and scholar, and how different emphases of particular Christian traditions shape mentoring at schools founded by different religious bodies. The book also includes advice on program design and implementation, problem-solving for ongoing mentoring programs, and how institutions can sustain mentoring even amid the busyness of day-to-day life.

The book was developed through the "Mentoring Models Initiative," a cooperative effort funded by the Lilly Fellows Program in Humanities and the Arts, a national network of more than 60 church-related colleges and universities interested in exploring Christian understandings of the nature of the academic vocation. Dr. Simon worked with seven other authors in surveying the experiences of institutions that like Hope had run mentoring programs with network support.
The alumni hired to manage the college's reorganized programs in alumni and parent relations have two major advantages.

First, in addition to their previous experience in higher education administration, they both love the college and know personally how meaningful the Hope experience is. Second, they know that many thousands of other alumni and parents feel the same way.

Mary Boelkins '96 Remenschneider has been appointed director of alumni relations and Stephanie Haag '95 Greenwood has been appointed director of parent relations. Both started at the college in August.

"I'm passionate about Hope and I'm passionate about my experiences here," Remenschneider said. Reflecting on her student days, she recalled, "I appreciated the strong academic program here, the class sizes, the opportunities to be involved—there was so much that I could do."

Greenwood had struggled with finding the right school as an undergraduate, but when she transferred to Hope as a sophomore she knew she'd found the right place—and I regretted that I hadn't come here in the first place," she said. It made it easy to come back. "It was just more than I could ask for, to have an opportunity to help connect Hope with people who care about the college."

Remenschneider and Greenwood have been appointed as part of an organizational shift and staff expansion designed to enhance the college's outreach to alumni and parents and increase participation in and financial support of Hope.

Both programs have become part of the Advancement Division under the leadership of Scott Wolterink '88, who has been promoted to associate vice president for college advancement. Former alumni director Lynne Powe '86, who has been at Hope since 1992, has been appointed associate director of public and community relations with an active role in the management of the college's Web site, which continues to grow in scope and popularity as the Web itself becomes a more prominent communication venue. She will also continue to direct several constituency-oriented events such as Community Day and Winter Happening.

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— Scott Wolterink '88, Associate Vice President for College Advancement

The expanded alumni program will build on the strong, established foundation of activities traditionally offered by Hope—including class reunions, regional events and international alumni tours—to include additional programming around the nation featuring members of the faculty and staff as well as new efforts such as a student alumni association.

"The Hope College family is rich with individuals and groups seeking opportunities and curious to know more ways to get involved," Greenwood said. "We're looking to provide opportunities to have parents participate in ways that are more structured."

Wolterink noted that he believes that Remenschneider, Greenwood and the committed Hope family present an unbeatable combination as the college seeks to more extensively involve alumni, parents and friends in building Hope for today's and future students.

"The Hope College family is rich with individuals and groups seeking opportunities and curious to know more ways to get involved," he said. "We will work toward intentional and deliberate action to involve and engage individuals—and search out others to encourage even greater participation in alumni and parent programs and in financial support."

Mary and Stephanie return to Hope College with exceptional co-curricular leadership and involvement from their years at Hope. They have each pursued careers and advanced degrees in higher education," he said. "Hope College can look to each individual and look forward to a continuation of the Hope tradition of first-class programs and coordination. Their commitment to higher education, creating and developing volunteer leadership, and Hope College is evident."

Wolterink's own commitment to Hope follows not only his seven years on the staff but generations of family tradition and his student experience. He enrolled in the fall of 1984 as a fourth generation student—he keeps his great-grandfather's diploma framed on his office wall. He was a business administration and Spanish double major who studied in both Japan and Vienna through Hope programs. His co-curricular involvement included founding the Centurian fraternity, of which he was president; co-chairing the Social Activities Committee; and serving as a resident assistant.

He joined the staff as a regional advancement director, and in 2001 assumed additional responsibilities as director of the annual Hope Fund. He had also been an admissions counselor at Hope from 1988 to 1990.

He subsequently completed a master of education degree at the University of Vermont, and prior to returning to Hope in 1996 had been director of the Career Development Center at Lake Forest College in Illinois. He also earned the CFRE (Certified Fund Raising Executive) credential in 2002, and has served as president of the Association of Fundraising Professionals and president of the Western Michigan Planned Giving Group.

He and his wife, Heather Northuis '88 Wolterink, have three children, Anna, Ethan and Jane.

Remenschneider worked for the past three years at Auburn University in Alabama for the Alabama Cooperative Extension System, where her responsibilities included a variety of national programs for health professionals. As health educator for CYBERnet, she was part of a collaborative group that received a 2003 USDA Secretary of Agriculture Honor Award.

Prior to joining Auburn, she had spent three years as a consultant in program evaluation and grant writing. She had previously been an evaluation and grant management consultant with the Columbus Children, Youth and Family Coalition.

Remenschneider was active in a variety of activities as a Hope student. She was a member of the Skyline Sorority; and participated in the Pull tug-of-war all four years, the last two as a coach, and the Nykerk Cup competition as a freshman and sophomore. She was active with C.A.A.R.E. (Campus Assault Awareness Response and Education), was in the Chapel Choir, volunteered as a tutor with the Children's After School Achievement (CASA) program, and studied in Vienna, Austria in the summer of 1993. She was elected Homecoming Queen in the fall of 1995, and in the spring of 1996 received the college-wide Peter Bol Award presented to the student who made the most outstanding contribution in counseling.

She majored in psychology, and was a member of the Psi Chi National Psychology Honors Fraternity. She completed a master's degree in social work, with a specialty in policy and program planning, at Western Michigan University in 1998.

Her husband, Scott Remenschneider, is currently working for Synovous Bank in Columbus, Ga., as a corporate trainer and serves as the high school youth group leader for their church.

Greenwood was previously at Davenport University in Grand Rapids, Mich., where she had been an academic coordinator for the university's online program since July of 2002, and had joined the online staff in 2000 as an enrollment services specialist. She held a variety of positions with Davenport in Holland from 1996 to 2000, including admissions counselor.

During the summer of 2000, she was a graduate intern in the Office of Public and Alumni Relations at Hope. She helped plan and implement Hope activities including Alumni Weekend, the annual golf outing, the Community Day celebration and Homecoming reunion events.

Prior to joining the Davenport staff, she had been a counselor with Bethany Christian Services in Grand Rapids, with which she had held an internship while attending Hope.

Greenwood was a member of the Dorian sorority as a student, and was co-chair of the college's Student Social Work Organization. She was a member of Mortar Board, was named to the college's chapter of Phi Beta Kappa and participated in dance productions.

She majored in social work. She completed her master's degree in education, with a concentration in college student affairs leadership, at Grand Valley State University in 2001.

Her husband, Nate Greenwood '97, is an art teacher in the Jenison Public Schools, where he also coaches the J.V. boys' and girls' soccer teams.
Reading is Believing explores the basic elements of the Christian faith by examining their illustration in novels, plays, short stories, and films. Using the Apostles’ Creed as an overall structure, the book explores literary and/or cinematic meditations on topics such as the nature of Christ, the virgin birth, the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus, the Holy Spirit, the Church, and the resurrection of the body. The authors and directors of the works used to illustrate these themes include Graham Greene, P. D. James, Iris Murdoch, Barbara Kingsolver, Martin Scorsese, and Giuseppe Tornatore.

Dr. Cunningham joined the Hope faculty this summer. He directs The CrossRoads Project, Hope’s program for the theological exploration of vocation funded by the Lilly Endowment Inc. The program is designed to help members of the Hope community to think about their lives in terms of vocation or “calling.” In particular, CrossRoads will sponsor a number of activities to help students to explore the relationship between their own gifts and the world’s needs.

Miguel A. De La Torre, assistant professor of religion, has received a first-place award from the Catholic Press Association of the United States and Canada for his book Reading the Bible from the Margins.

The award, in the “Educational Books” category, was presented during the association’s annual convention, held in Atlanta, Ga. The association honored newspapers, magazines and books in several categories.

The book, published by Orbis Books, Reading the Bible from the Margins maintains that everyone who reads the Bible does so from a particular social location, and is based on a freshman class Dr. De La Torre has taught at Hope by the same title. The primary aim of the book is to expose the reader to a new way of “seeing” the biblical text.

Reading the Bible from the Margins explores how the Bible can be used to liberate those who suffer race, class and gender oppression within the United States. The book analyzes different biblical narratives from the perspective of the “underside” of normative Christian interpretations to show how the powerless within U.S. society find spiritual empowerment.

Brigit Doyle, who is a visiting NSF–AIRE Scholar in the department of geological and environmental sciences, has received a national award for a research paper from the Association of Engineering Geologists (AEG).

Dr. Doyle was honored as the 2003 winner of the AEGs Graduate Division Professional Paper Competition on Thursday, Sept. 18, during the association’s annual meeting in Vail, Colo. She was recognized for her paper “Seismically-Induced Lateral Spread Features in the New Madrid Seismic Zone,” selected by a panel of former AEG presidents. The paper will be published in the journal Environmental and Engineering Geoscience.

Dr. Doyle joined the Hope faculty this fall for a year-long appointment. Her appointment is through a program established with an “Award for the Integration of Research and Education” (AIRE) that Hope received from the National Science Foundation (NSF) in 1998.

Allen Verhey of the religion faculty has had his book Remembering Jesus: Christian Community, Scripture, and the Moral Life named by the Academy of Parish Clergy Inc. as one of the “Top Ten Books for Parish Ministry” published in 2002.

In the book, Dr. Verhey, who is the Evert J. and Hattie E. Blekkink Professor of Religion at Hope, asserts that following Jesus requires remembering Jesus, which entails reading and understanding Scripture, where the memory of Jesus is found. “Remembering Jesus” examines what Jesus said and did, and applies it to medical, sexual, economic and political ethics. The book also explores the church in relation to Jesus’s teaching.

In December, Remembering Jesus was one of nine theology books included as recommended reading by The Christian Century in the publication’s “Special Christmas Section of Books and CDs.” Remembering Jesus was published by Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co. of Grand Rapids, Mich.
The wonders of East Africa will be featured during an educational trip scheduled with the Hope family in mind.

Set for May 5–24 and scheduled in cooperation with the Office of Alumni and Parent Relations, the trip will feature extended tours of nature preserves in northern Tanzania, as well as a visit to a Masai village; an original, landscaped coffee plantation; and the island of Zanzibar on the Indian Ocean.

The trip has been run for several years by biologist Dr. Harvey Blankespoor as a Hope May Term. It’s proven so popular that it has been expanded this year for alumni and friends of the college.

Safari tours are at the heart of the experience. Destinations include the L. Manyara National Park, the Serengeti National Park and the Ngorongoro Crater. Wildlife is abundant.

“People talk about the ‘Big 5’—lions, rhinoceros, hippo, leopards, elephants,” Dr. Blankespoor said. “We’ve always seen them all.”

Highlights last year, for example, included a pride of 28 lions. The group also had a chance to watch cheetahs stalk, chase and lose a wildebeest.

The tour is flexible as well. If someone is interested in focusing on birds, the driver-guides can make it happen. Because past participants have rated it a highlight, Dr. Blankespoor will also work in an opportunity to hear animal sounds at night if circumstances allow.

While at the parks, the group overnights at lodges, which Dr. Blankespoor characterized as attractive accommodations with abundant and good food. They also provide an alternative if someone wants to sit out one of the wildlife excursions.

“I think there’s a great variety of things to do besides just going on safaris,” Dr. Blankespoor said.

He has integrated a service element as well. Last year, the tour brought 12 suitcases of clothing for needy villagers. This year, he’s focusing on shoes and other clothing for children.

The experience will close with leisure and activity on Zanzibar. Participants are given an opportunity to make their own arrangements for excursions ranging from swimming with dolphins, to deep sea fishing, to visiting sites related to the former slave trade, to tours centered on the island’s spice production. (The five-day Zanzibar excursion is optional.)

The May Term has been set for 70 people, but the arrangement winds up being more personal. The safari trips, for example, are conducted in modern, open-topped vehicles that seat five-seven apiece. Dr. Blankespoor has developed a questionnaire for non-student participants so that he can help tailor the trip to their interests.

The trip is scheduled in the tradition of faculty-led educational visits abroad that through the years have included countries ranging from Germany to Morocco to Costa Rica to Great Britain to Russia to Turkey. Participants will be registered for one hour of continuing education credit through the college.

Dr. Blankespoor joined the Hope faculty in 1976. Acclaimed as a teacher, he received the Hope Outstanding Professor Educator (H.O.P.E.) Award from the graduating class in 1980, and was named the national 1991 Professor of the Year by The Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) and The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. Although he retired in the spring of 2002 as the Frederich Garrett and Helen Floor Dekker Professor of Biology, he has continued to teach at Hope part-time.

The total cost of the tour was still being finalized as of press time, but will be less than $5,000, including one hour of tuition for continuing education.

Anyone who hopes to go should contact Dr. Blankespoor soon. He is holding an informational meeting at his home on Sunday, Nov. 9. He is willing to have participants sign on after that, but based on strong interest from students and others already aware of the trip he doesn’t expect the 70 slots to remain open long. (Participants who skip Zanzibar will trim five days from the trip and save $600.)

Those interested in the trip may register or obtain more information by e-mailing Dr. Blankespoor at blanke spoor@hope.edu or calling him at home at (616) 335-9829. He may also be reached through the department of biology’s office by calling (616) 395-7720. More information may also be obtained by contacting Mary Boelkins ’96 Remensnyder, director of alumni relations, by e-mail at remensnyder@hope.edu or by calling (616) 395-7720.
A history-making class

The experiences of parents, grandparents, great-great-great grandparents and greats in between stand behind the record number of Generational New Students at Hope.

Seventh Generation

Jeffrey Brown (Colts Neck, N.J.)
Mother – Kathryn Neveel ’82 Brown
Grandmother – Barbara Jeffrey ’56 Neveel
Grandfather – James Neveel ’56
Great-Grandmother – Cornelia Nettinga ’27 Neveel
Great-Grandfather – Alvan Neveel ’26
Great-Great-Grandfather – Sebe Nettinga 1900
Great-Great-Grandfather – James Zvemer 1870
Great-Great-Great-Grandfather – Adrian Zvemer (Prep 1887)

Fifth Generation

Paul Baeverstad (Ft. Wayne, Ind.)
Mother – Katie Bosch ’78 Baeverstad
Father – Mark Baeverstad ’78
Grandmother – Carol Jacobs ’54 Bosch
Grandfather – Randall Bosch ’53
Great-Grandmother – Cora VerMeulen (Prep 1909)
Great-Grandfather – Henry Jacobs ’14
Great-Great Grandfather – Nicodemus Adrian Zwemer (Prep 1857)

Fourth Generation

Jonathan DeHaan (Holland, Mich.)
Father – John D. DeHaan ’79
Grandmother – Marguerite Prins ’49 DeHaan
Great-Grandfather – Jack Miller ’54
Great-Grandmother – Martha Muller ’24 Miller
Laura Dow (Waterford, Conn.)
Mother – Martha Ratering ’78 Dow
Father – Robert Dow ’80
Great-Grandfather – Walter Ratering ’47
Great-Great Grandmother – Viola Pas (Prep 1914)
Great-Great Grandfather – Henry Jacobs ’14

Third Generation

Jacquelyn Boote (Holland, Mich.)
Mother – Susan Ponstein ’73 Boote
Father – Carey Boote ’73
Great-Grandfather – Lambert Ponstein ’48

David Breen (Hudsonville, Mich.)
Mother – David Breen ’72
Great-Grandmother – Pauline Stegenga ’29 Breen
Great-Grandfather – Harry Buis ’49

Cara Broncklo (Holland, Mich.)
Mother – Janet Koop ’75 Broncklo
Great-Grandmother – Mary Lou Hemes ’46 Koop
Great-Grandfather – Harvey Koop ’43

Anna Buus (Clarksville, Mich.)
Grandmother – Kay Rynbrand ’57 Buus
Grandfather – James Buus ’57

Emily Buus (Clarksville, Mich.)
Great-Grandmother – Mary Lou Hemes ’46 Koop
Great-Grandfather – Harvey Koop ’43

Aaron Clark (Holland, Mich.)
Mother – Jean Buter ’80 Clark
Father – Kevin Clark ’78

Great-Grandmother – Joyce Buter ’58
Great-Great Grandfather – Harry Buis ’49

Audrey Converse (Lovell, Mich.)
Mother – Marsha Stegenga ’79 Converse
Grandfather – Nelson Stegenga ’50

Jacob Cook (Wyoming, Mich.)
Mother – Mary Wicken ’79 Cook
Father – Kenneth Cook ’78

Great-Grandmother – Esther VanDyke ’44 Wicken
Great-Grandfather – Jack Wicken ’50

Stephen Cuper (Harbor Beach, Mich.)
Mother – Mary Vandenbberg ’77 Cuper
Father – Dennis Cuper ’78

Grandmother – Helen VanFarowe ’51

Vandenberg

Grandfather – Donald Vandenbberg ’49
Grandfather – Harold Cuper ’52

Great-Grandfather – Frederick Dunnevold ’28

Alexander Dekker (Zeeland, Mich.)
Father – Douglas Dekker ’78

Joshua Dolislaeger (Muskegon, Mich.)
Mother – Marline Bartels ’76 Dolislaeger
Great-Grandfather – Lester Bartels ’49

Megan Dolislaeger (Muskegon, Mich.)
Mother – Marline Bartels ’76 Dolislaeger
Great-Grandfather – Lester Bartels ’49

Shyle Edelmayer (Grand Haven, Mich.)
Great-Grandfather – Edward Freyling ’54
Great-Grandfather – Arefr Freyling ’30

David Fantozzzi (Hennett, N.Y.)
Mother – Emily Ondra ’76

Great-Grandmother – Louise Oudra ’76 Ondra
Great-Grandfather – Robert Ondra ’53

Margaret Fylstra (Hinsdale, Ill.)
Mother – Charlotte Buis ’68 Fylstra
Father – Raymond Fylstra ’69

Great-Grandfather – Winfred Rameau ’43 Fylstra
Great-Grandfather – Dan Fylstra ’43

Kari Hoesch (Zeeland, Mich.)
Mother – Laure Riekse ’79 Hoesch
Father – Kenneth Hoesch ’75

Great-Grandfather – James Riekse ’41

Stephanie Knecht (Grand Rapids, Mich.)
Mother – Jane VandenBunte ’77 Knecht
Father – Todd Knecht ’77

Great-Grandmother – Alida Keizer ’49 Knecht

Allison Kurzwe (Carson City, Mich.)
Father – Kathy Nyenhuys ’80 Kurzwe
Father – Arthur Kurzwe III ’80

Great-Grandmother – Leona Nyenhuys ’93
Great-Grandfather – Jacob Nyenhuys, Hope Litt.D. ’01

Granger Nyboer (Nunica, Mich.)
Mother – Cynthia Hartman ’74 Nyboer
Father – Andrew Nyboer ’74

Great-Grandfather – Andrew Nyboer ’39

Ryan Otto (St. Joseph, Mich.)
Great-Grandmother – Jean Wierenga ’54 Otto
Great-Grandfather – Alonso Wierenga ’26

Samantha Pedigo (Chippewa Falls, Wis.)
Mother – Esther Johnson ’74 Pedigo

Great-Grandfather – Roger Johnson ’50

Christian Pierson (Holland, Mich.)
Mother – Mary (DeeDee) Gunther ’71 Pierson

Father – James Pierson ’69

Great-Grandfather – Anthony Kemper ’46

Dustin Ruch (Zeeland, Mich.)
Father – Douglas Ruch ’81

Great-Grandfather – Richard Ruch ’52

Matt Ryecenga (Cadillac, Mich.)
Father – Ted Ryecenga ’72
Grandmother – Betty Vischer ’48 Ryecenga

Great-Grandfather – Ted Ryecenga ’51

Scott Rybnard (Petoskey, Mich.)
Father – Beth VanKlompenburg ’79 Rybnard

Grandfather – Thurston Rybnard ’71

Albert Smith (Grand Rapids, Mich.)
Mother – Linda Flanagan ’82 Smith

Father – Albert Smith ’82

Great-Grandfather – Frederick Dunnevold ’28

Hilary Smith (Grand Rapids, Mich.)
Mother – Susan Boor ’76 Smith

Father – Rick Smith ’76

Grandmother – Elaine Groustra ’52 Boer

Great-Grandfather – Albert Boer ’51

Kari Soderstrom (Madison, Conn.)
Father – Gail DeWitt ’80 Soderstrom

Mother – Jon Soderstrom ’76

Great-Grandfather – Warren DeWitt ’50

Jordan Tanis (Janison, Mich.)
Grandmother – Barbara Ver Meer ’62 Myaard

Great-Grandmother – Leona Peelen ’35 Vermeer

Michael VanderVelde (Grandville, Mich.)
Father – Kerri VanKeulen ’78 VanderVelde

Great-Grandfather – James VanKeulen ’51

Peter VanKempen (Holland, Mich.)
Mother – Leigh Boelkins ’80 VanKempen

Father – Cornelis (Case) VanKempen ’77

Grandmother – Avis South ’55 Boelkins

Great-Grandfather – William Boelkins ’50

Kim Viensman (Twin Falls, Idaho)
Father – Brian Vriesman ’75

Grandfather – James VanKeulen ’51

The record-size Class of ’07 also has a record student. From left to right are: Row 1: Scott Dustin Ruch, Jonathan De Haan, Joshua Dolislaeger, Kay Soderstrom, Emily Baue, Tarah From, Maile Bronkdye, Jacquie Boote; Row 2: Geralyn Eadie, Jesha Hoesch, Albert Smith, Michael VanderVelde, A
Aaron Clark, David Fantauzzi, die, Laura Dow, Paul Baeverstad, David Breen, Jeff Brown, Peter Van Kempen, Jacob Cook, Karl Ober 2003–high 121 Generational New Students. Pictured are third, fourth, fifth and seventh generation.

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Mother – Mary Voskuil ’77 Boote

Mother – Dorothy Boillot ’94

Paul Boillot (Fennville, Mich.)

Second Generation

Curtis Aardema (Portage, Mich.)

Mother – Diane Bussem ’78 Aardema

Father – William Aardema ’79

Caiteleen Anderson (Albuquerque, N.M.)

Mother – Deborah Grimm ’80 Anderson

Father – William Anderson ’80

Jacob Baker (Indian River, Mich.)

Father – Steven Baker ’78

Nicholas Banta (Jenison, Mich.)

Great–Grandmother – Alice Bronson ’30 Brose

Elizabeth Barwell (Ann Arbor, Mich.)

Mother – Nancy Wallendal ’72 Bassman

Peter Bassman (Scotch Plains, N.J.)

Mother – Nancy Wallendal ’72 Bassman

Rebecca Blauer (Grand Rapids, Mich.)

Father – Daniel Blauer ’77

Paul Boillot (Fennville, Mich.)

Mother – Dorothy Boillot ’94

Matthew Boote (Dearfield, Ill.)

Mother – Mary Voskuil ’77 Boote

Father – Daniel Boote ’75

Lindsay Brown (Grand Rapids, Mich.)

Grandfather – Robert Van Horn ’42

Joanna Brownson (Hamilton, Mich.)

Grandfather – Roger Shalter ’31

Nicolette Brugger (Grand Haven, Mich.)

Father – Gary Brugger ’98

Anika Carlson (Eagan, Minn.)

Mother – Lori Hedstrom ’76

Father – Greg Carlson ’77

Christie Carrier (Ann Arbor, Mich.)

Grandmother – Lenora DeBoer Ridder ’69

Grandfather – Herman “Bud” Ridder ’49

Elizabeth Case (Bloomington, Ind.)

Father – Daniel Case ’74

Julie Cook (Troy, Mich.)

Father – Douglas Cook ’66

Kurtis DeHorn (Allendale, Mich.)

Father – James DeHorn ’70

Nathan DeYoung (Holland, Mich.)

Father – Paul DeYoung ’77

Meghan Follen (Neenah, Wis.)

Grandfather – Kenneth DeWitt ’51

Michael Forbes (Lone Tree, Iowa)

Grandfather – Gerrit Boogerd ’54

Adriana Frikker (Troy, Mich.)

Grandmother – Suzanne Leestma ’48 Pettinga

Jaclyn Gazan (Jenison, Mich.)

Grandmother – Ruth Bouwer ’50 Gazan Boersma

Jenna Geerlings (Holland, Mich.)

Father – Scott Geerlings ’83

Elizabeth Groeneveld (Wyoming, Mich.)

Father – Don Groeneveld ’85

Nicolette Gugino (Holland, Mich.)

Mother – Lori Hofman ’86 Gugino

Father – Paul Scott Gugino ’86

Shannon Harbourn (Okemos, Mich.)

Mother – Shirley Bolthouse ’79 Harbourn

Father – Todd Harbourn ’78

Dana Heusinkveld (Holland, Mich.)

Father – Paul Heusinkveld ’72

Amelia Imbrook (Grove City, Ohio)

Mother – Diana Lutterbein ’78 Imbrook

Craig Jackson (Holland, Mich.)

Mother – Cathleen Jackson ’92

Jennifer Kasten (Portage, Mich.)

Mother – Elaine Yoshov ’83 Kasten

Father – Thomas Kasten ’80

Lindsey Keizer (Byron Center, Mich.)

Father – Jerry Keizer ’72

Shalyn Kempema (Grandville, Mich.)

Great–Grandfather – Robert Brower ’51

Ellen Kleinman (DeWitt, Mich.)

Father – Randall Kleinman ’78

Elizabeth Klooster (Grand Rapids, Mich.)

Grandfather – Melvin Klooster ’31

Charles Knoothuizen (Grandville, Mich.)

Grandfather – Charles Knoothuizen ’47

Abby Kosta (Grandville, Mich.)

Mother – Amy Herrickson ’78 Kosta

Father – John Kosta ’78

Cullen Kronenmeyer (Grand Rapids, Mich.)

Father – Donald Kronenmeyer ’69

Elizabeth Lamer (Zeeland, Mich.)

Mother – Mary Beth Allen ’79 Lamer

Father – Robert Lamer ’74

Jeff Layman (Holland, Mich.)

Father – David Layman ’90

Kim Louis (Zeeland, Mich.)

Grandfather – Kenneth Louis ’53

Katherine Lynch (Western Springs, Ill.)

Mother – Nancy Nearpass ’80 Lynch

Katie Mackinnon (Kentwood, Mich.)

Mother – Brenda Dieterman ’80 Mackinnon

Father – John Mackinnon ’80

Adam Magee (Holland, Mich.)

Father – Roy Weldon ’70

Erika Martin (Zeeland, Mich.)

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Father – John Mackinnon ’00s

Adryan VanBeek (Holland, Mich.)

Father – Daniel VanBeek ’78

Ross VanderBie (Holland, Mich.)

Father – Rick VanderBie ’78

Tara VanDeStreek (Kalamazoo, Mich.)

Father – Wesley VanDeStreek ’79

Elan Vissers (Holland, Mich.)

Mother – Carla Vissers ’88

Father – Eric Vissers ’91

Kirsta Wierda (Grosse Pointe Park, Mich.)

Grandfather – Maurice Wierda ’31

Brian West (Fargo, N.D.)

Father – David West ’76

Kirsten Winkel (Peoria, Ill.)

Mother – Sally Jo Meador ’78 Winkel

Jordan Winfield (Grosse Pointe Farms, Mich.)

Mother – Connie VanDyk ’77 Winfield

Leanne Wisner (Middlebury, N.Y.)

Mother – Mary Harmelink ’77 Wisner

Father – Larry Wisner ’77

Lyndsay Yonker (Grand Haven, Mich.)

Grandfather – Eugene Roth ’46

November 2003
Hope joins pre-paid tuition plan

Families seeking to make a Hope education a part of their children’s future have a new option as they consider financing.

Hope is a founding member of “Independent 529 Plan,” a new national prepaid college tuition plan tailored specifically for private colleges.

More than 220 private colleges and universities from 37 states and the District of Columbia are currently participants in the plan, with more anticipated. Hope joined to provide a strong, additional option for families seeking to finance a Hope education.

“We are always looking for ways to make a Hope College education more affordable.” — Barry Werkman ’64, vice president for finance

“We are as concerned about the increasing cost of higher education as many others, and we are always looking for ways to make a Hope College education more affordable,” said Barry Werkman ’64, vice president for finance at Hope. “We think that this is a great plan for families interested in locking in future tuition at today’s rates.”

Section 529 Plans are named for the IRS code that defines them. Accounts generate no federal income tax if used as intended, benefits are transferable to other members of the family, and refunds are available if the child receives a scholarship or decides not to attend college.

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The certificates will cover in the future the same percentage of cost that they would cover at the time of purchase. For example, $10,000 in certificates would cover all of the cost of a college that currently charges $10,000 in tuition, and one third of the cost of a college currently charging $30,000. At whatever point the student would decide to use the certificates, no matter how high tuition may be at the time, they would still cover all and one third respectively of tuition at the two schools. Among other features, there are no fees for participating in the plan. Any parent, other relative or friend may establish an account for an eventual student, and the certificates may be transferred to a wide range of relatives of the beneficiary. Accounts can be opened for as little as $25, providing that contributions total at least $500 within two years.

Tuition Plan Consortium was formed in 1996 to make education at independent colleges and universities more affordable and more accessible for families in the United States. TIAA-CREF Tuition Financing Inc. will administer the plan and TIAA-CREF Trust Company FSB will manage the investments.

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Game’s biggest play

While it didn’t figure into the statistics, senior Brian Fielhauer made one of the biggest plays of the day in football on Saturday, Sept. 13.

At halftime, he proposed marriage to childhood sweetheart Sharon Bock. While the rest of the team was heading back to the locker room, Fielhauer, a defensive back from Byron, Mich., sought out Bock in the stands and brought her on to the field, where he kneeled and asked her to marry him amidst an encouraging Community Day stadium throng.

Meanwhile, the stadium scoreboard flashed the question, “Sharon, will you marry me?” Fielhauer gave her a ring and a bouquet of roses, and then hustled off to the locker room for the halftime talk.

There were two winners on the 13th. The Flying Dutchmen defeated the DePauw Tigers 29-14, and Brian Fielhauer got his bride.

Senior defensive back Brian Fielhauer added a halftime highlight to the Community Day football game on Saturday, Sept. 13, when he proposed on the field to childhood sweetheart Sharon Bock. The best part: she said yes.

Fall Enrollment sets Hope record

Hope has enrolled a record number of students for the second year in a row, a total that includes a record number of first-time students.

Hope has enrolled 3,068 students this fall, including 811 students in college for the first time. The previous overall high was 3,035 in the fall of 2002, and the previous high for first-time students was 763 in the fall of 2001. The college has set records for overall enrollment in five of the past six years.

The enrollment by class, with last year’s compared to 105 last year.

The largest representation is from Michigan with 2,320 students, followed by Illinois, 306; Indiana, 95; Ohio, 60; New York, 50; Wisconsin, 32; Minnesota, 24; Iowa, 20; New Jersey, 18; Colorado and Pennsylvania, 13 each; and Missouri, 11.

Foreign countries represented in the student body include: Albania, Bosnia, Bulgaria, Cameroon, Canada, Chile, China, El Salvador, Ethiopia, France, Germany, India, Jamaica, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Korea, Kosovo, Liberia, Mexico, Nepal, Pakistan, Romania, Russia, Senegal, South Africa, Sweden, Taiwan, Tajikistan, Thailand, the United Kingdom and Vietnam.

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Chris Denny '56 Connaire of Arlington, Va., on Sunday, Aug. 17, was elected governor-elect for 2003-04 during the 85th annual convention of the Capital District of Kiwanis International. The Capital District encompasses the states of Delaware, Maryland and Virginia as well as the District of Columbia, and consists of approximately 7,700 members and 201 clubs. He joined the Kiwanis Club of Arlington shortly after retiring in 1990 after 34 years of Federal service as staff director of the U.S. Senate Subcommittee on Appropriations for the Departments of State, Justice and Commerce. He served as club president before moving up to lieutenant governor of the 20th Capital District.

Larry Siedentop '57 is a faculty lecturer at the University of Oxford and Fellow of Keble College. In 2000, he published a book titled University of Oxford and Fellow of Keble College.

Class Notes

News and information for class notes, marriages, advanced degrees and deaths are compiled for free from Hope College by Greg Olgren '97. News should be mailed to: Alumni News, Hope College Public Relations, 141 E. 12th St., PO Box 9000, Holland, MI 49422-9000. Internet users may send to: alumni@hope.edu

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Donald Knoodman '66 of Amberst, Mass., received the Elliott Cossey Award from The American Ornithologists' Union (AOU) during the group's annual meeting in Urbana, III. The award is given to one of the highest honors that can be given to profession- al ornithologists by the AOU, and recognizes him for outstanding contributions that have had an important influence on the study of birds in the Western Hemisphere. He is professor of ornithology at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst. Throughout his career, his research has utilized bird song as a model system for studying the function, evolution, and control of complex behavior patterns.

Senior Loan Officer Smith of Atkinson, N.H., is a financial aid officer at Northern Essex Community College in Haverhill, Mass.

1970s

Bob Peterson '70 has retired from Delta Air Lines after 26 years. He most recently flew as captain on the Boeing 767. He will remain in Boca, Fla., and invest his free time into his church and hobbies.

Jean Taylor '70 Van Engen of Gledora, Calif., received the 2003 Administrator's Award for her outstanding performance and invaluable contribu- tion to the City of Gledora's National Medal of Honor Recipient in Duarte, Calif. Jean serves as the administrative manager of the Division of Information Sciences, which oversees the Capital Region's largest public mental health agency. She has been selected as the new director of the New Mexico Department of Health, directing all programs including T Cedar, diabetes, AIDS/HIV and genetic-related illnesses.

Tom Welscott '70 is the pastor at Westminster Presbyterian and Grace Presbyterian churches in Alcona County, Mich.

Wendell Wierenga '70 has been appointed executive director of the National Council of Jewish Women in Grand Haven. He is professor of Okemos, Mich., this fall 141 E. 12th St.; PO Box 9000, Holland, MI 49422-9000. Internet users may send to: alumni@hope.edu

Mailing Shortfall

Due to a press-run problem, there were no enough copies of the August issue of news from Hope College to mail to the entire Hope constituency. Those missed included international addresses and households in the 10901-11751 zip code range. If that includes you and you’d like a copy, please let us know—we have a limited number of remaining copies from the campus distribution that we’ll be glad to share while supplies last. We can be e-mailed at: nfhc@hope.edu or written at: news from Hope College; Hope College Public and Community Relations; 141 E. 12th St., Holland, MI 49422-8000.

Please accept our invitation to visit the Alumni Office on the internet: www.hope.edu/alumni
Margaret Oklatner ‘85 McCarty and family have moved to a home in Clifford, Pa., in the shadow of the Elk Mountain ski resort. She began serving as the senior pastor for the Freeville Community Church on Sunday, Aug. 31. She is currently serving a six-year term on the Board of Managers for the American Baptist Churches of Pennsylvania and Delaware.

Jane Abe ‘86 is vice president for membership with the Naperville (Ill.) Area Chamber of Commerce. She has received two awards from the NAMD (National Association for Membership Development) in the 2002-03 National Sales Contest: recognition for the top number of sales within the top quality portfolio of all members, for a total of $500,000 and $1.5 million, and second place for the top number of sales for dues income between $250,000 and $500,000. She was honored at the 2002 NAMD Convention for "Births/New Arrivals."

Linda Heibel ‘87 Tikalsky completed her doctoral dissertation (pleasance) in 1999 while living in Prague, Czech Republic, during 2002-03. She and her husband have their two sons, Paul and Daniel.

Vanessa Jinesta Blevins ‘87 is currently studying in India.

David Meconi ‘87 presented the address “The Vocation of Godliness: Dedication in the Christian Tradition” on Monday, April 15, as the opening address in the 2003-04 “Searching the Sacred” series sponsored by the department of religion at Hope College. Ordained to the priesthood in the order of the Society of Jesus on Saturday, June 14, he left for finals on Tuesday, Sept. 23, to pursue doctoral studies at Oxford University.

Robert Peel ‘87 of Spring Lake, Mich., is a senior investment counselor with Robert W. Baird & Company.

Pam Ourada ‘87 Van Putten has joined the Hope College staff as an assistant chaplain.

Kathryn DeYoung ‘88 Arthus of Holland, Mich., has been a stay-at-home mom for nine years. Before having children Alex (nine), Patrick (six) and Annie (three), she taught special education in Grand Rapids, Mich., from 1984 to 1994.

Kurt Arvidson ‘88 of Holland, Mich., has been appointed president of the West Michigan Financial Analysts Society. He is a member of the CFA Institute and the Northwest Michigan (CFA) chapter.

Jeffrey Dawson ‘88 of Bentonville, Ark., is a marketing director with Kimberly-Clark, responsible for consumer brand development at Wal-Mart stores. The company’s Wal-Mart Business Unit recently recognized him as the “Supplier of the Year.”

Thomas Da Graaf ‘88 of Zeeland, Mich., was appointed to the principalship at Lincoln Elementary School in Zeeland after six years as assistant principal at Cityside Middle School-Zeeland.

Kirsty Jones ‘88 DePre of Zeeland, Mich., is pastor of Christian education at Faith Church in Zeeland, Mich.

Kathryn Miller ‘88 Enders of Rocky Mount, N.C., earned certification as an American Legion Alexandrite Technique Instructor, Urbana Center for the Alexander Technique (UCAT) and American Society for the Alexander Technique (AmATC).

Janis Gaillard ‘88 Evink of Hamilton, Mich., reports that she is living full-time in her van, which she can neither work nor drive after suffering a series of brain vasospasms and subsequent brain damage in 2001.

Denise Feust-Turner ‘88 has been living in Orlando, Fla., since graduation and recently went part-time in her career to stay at home with her three children (please see “Births/New Arrivals” for word on the newest). She is a regional coordinator for the San Diego Chapter of the American Legion Alexandrite Technique (AmATC). Hayley Freyson ‘88 of Hattiesburg, Miss., is a member of the faculty at the University of Southern Mississippi. She presented a paper at the International Congress of Americanists in Santiago, Chile, in 2002 and will be presenting papers at Vanderbilt University and the Conference of the American Historical Association.

Cara Grabowski ‘88 recently moved to St. Paul, Minn., where she will be working part-time in her six-grade French in a full immersion program. In April, Cara and several other runners represented Eugene in its sixth appearance in Tokyo, Japan. She finished in 3:34:35 despite warm, humid conditions.

Susan Green ‘88 Jackson of Kalamazoo, Mich., is an assistant professor of journalism at Western Michigan University. She and husband Steven moved in December to Hazel Park, Mich. (please see “Births/New Arrivals”).

Lisa Horness ‘88 Johnson of Fruitport, Mich., is the manager of sales and e-business operations for the Jackson, Mich., based graphics business based on Romans 11:6 and dedicated to high quality. A portion of all profits is dedicated to fund local and some national Christian outreach programs.

Charles Hsiao ‘88 of Provo, Utah, who was hired at ACHC while living in the pro bono section chair at the bench last year, ran for Mississippi’s longest serving District Court Judge. Fredric A. Grinn Jr., who has been on the bench since 1972. With his slogan “Korotting Cares, It’s time for a Judicial Change,” he received 13,530 votes (nearly 40 percent). He reports that it was a great learning experience and that he met many interesting people, politicians and prospective clients, and a fair share of not-too-friendly canines, along the way during his door-to-door campaigning. Still promised to his father’s wishes by not becoming a lawyer at the Korotting Law Firm, he maintains one of eight court-appointed contracts for the Family Divorce Mediation Council of New Jersey and abuse cases and juvenile delinquency cases. He also practices criminal defense, family law and personal injury litigation. In addition, he reports that he spends a lot of time with his wife, their two children, Alex and Emily, and started reworking his life and started gollis, skis, snowboards and sails as much as he can. As a certified ski instructor, he will be working full-time on weekends and holidays at Boyne Mountain/Highlands this season (his 13th year). Michael Meconi ‘88 of Rocky Mount, N.C., is a senior commercial lines underwriter with Citizens Insurance Company of America. He and his wife have four children, Angela, Nathan, Amanda and Jacob.

McKeeby ‘88 and Susan Milanowski ‘88 McKeeby of Rockville, Md., report enjoying life in the Metro D.C. area but are also looking for opportunities to bring them back home to West Michigan.

Hope Joyce ‘88 of Grand Rapids, Mich., is a senior research chemist with Henkel Surface Technologies.

Charles Hudsley ‘89 of Yakima, Wash., is the executive director for Washington’s Odyssey House. In May, he was named one of the 100 most influential people in the state by Washington Business and Community Action. He continues to play professional basketball in France, but spends the off-season in Holland.

Andrew Markwast ‘86 and Darcy McGhan ‘83 Markwast have just finished building a new home in Woodland, Mich.

Marshall Michmerhuizen ‘92 of Holland, Mich., is enjoying full ownership of Black River Nursery and continues to compete as an avid cyclist in area bike races.

Todd Query ‘92 and Lisa Edmiston ‘93 Query have moved back to Holland, where Todd is youth pastor at First United Methodist Church in Holland, Mich. They have a one-year-old son, Jackson Scott.

Alicia Streit ‘92 of Portland, Ore., is a marketing director with American Express Financial Advisors in Lake Oswego, Ore. She also provides swim instruction at several area athletic clubs.

Dougaz Banzin ‘93 after two years in upstate New York took a job in August just over the mountains at Williams College in Massachusetts. He is starting a new residential life program; giving oversight to the existing student activities department, and will manage the college’s new residential life program. He writes, “If you ever find yourself in northwestern Massachusetts or southwestern Vermont, drop me a line!”

Mary Bosker ‘93 is working full-time as a residence director at Harpur College in Binghamton, N.Y. Mike Byam ‘93 of Grand Rapids, Mich., is co-owner and managing partner of Terryberry Guitar. His company manufactures custom jewelry and employs a recognition award gifts.

Eric Fielding ‘93 recently relocated from the Los Angeles, Calif., area to the Orlando, Fla., area for a clinical psychology internship that began in mid-August.

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Jennifer Peuler '93 of Grandville, Mich., is a quality assurance associate with Pfizer Inc. in Holland, Mich.
Rebecca Ponka '99 has relocated to Brooklyn, N.Y., to teach after five years in Michigan. She is teaching elementary music at Linderdale Elementary School in Lakeville, Minn.
Renee Saar '98 of Holland, Mich., has taken a position at Holland Community Hospital as data collection coordinator, which involves nursing research.
Laura McGrane '98 of Sadler, Mich., is teaching at Midwestern University in June, and received her B.S. in Exercise Science from the Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine.
Michelle Taylor '95 is a financial representative with Washington Mutual in Chicago, Ill.
Shannon Lewis '99 Morgenstern is a business development assistant for U.S. Congressman Pete Hoekstra '75.
Melissa Marema '99 is a quality control manager for Eastman Kodak.
Carrie Langstraat '99 is working as a senior credit analyst at Macatawa Technologies, in charge of sales and marketing.
Anna Patmos '99 DeYoung, of Eaton Rapids, Mich., is research and marketing manager for TMI Champco in Northrup Grumman (a contractor for the Department of Defense) in Reading, Mass.
Kevin Kittle '02 is teaching at Warren Consolidated.
Sara Brown '01 is teaching in South Haven, Mich.
Cassie Krause '02 is teaching at Hopkins (Mich.) High School.
Jenae Kruse '02 performed the “Sinfonia Concertante for Violin and Viola” by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart as a featured soloist with the Hope College Symphony on Friday, Sept. 26, in Dimnent Memorial Chapel. She is pursuing a master’s degree in music at Michigan State University.
**New Arrivals**

Derek Ver Meulen '86 and Star Ver Meulen, Casey, April 1, 2003.
Stephanie Bosman '87 Krause and Andrew Krause, Colin Andrew, May 12, 2003.
Kevin Wolthuis '86 and Bradley Tandan, Landen, June 18, 2003.
Valerie Van Dahn '90 and William Kok, Ethan John, June 6, 2002.
Michael Maurer '88 and Brenda Maurer, Jacob, Feb. 5, 2003.
Christopher Minger '88 Merrifield and James Merrifield, Jillian Faith, March 17, 2003.
Tom Riecke '88 and Diana Riecke, Jack Thomas, July 24, 2003.
Suzanne Hartong '90 and Cort Gertson '89 Hartong, Madelyn Rae, June 20, 2003.
Jeffrey Arrowood '90 and Candie Gill '89 Arrowood, Jon, August 1, 2003.
Theresa Tobolski '95 and Andrew Thomas, Jan, June 11, 2003.
Catherine Minger '00 and Michael Minger, Bethany, Feb. 19, 2003.
Laura Uhl '91, Justin Bicknese, Catherine '89, March 15, 2003.
Deaths

Kenneth L. Berends Sr. '53 of Grand Rapids, Mich. died on Tuesday, April 29, 2003. He was 81. He was a veteran of World War II. He served in the Pacific with the U.S. Army Air Force, 34th Bomb Group, 490th Squadron.

He was the retired owner of Ace Fence Enclosures and Grand Rapids Fence Co. He was preceded in death by his wife, Ruth J. (Patt) Berends, his parents, Clarence and Nellie K. (Erector) Berends; one brother, Ward Berends of Milwaukee, Wis.; and one sister, Mrs. Robert (Charlotte) Wright of Muskegon, Mich.


A Besselens '77 of Grandville, Mich., died on Tuesday, Aug. 12, 2003. He was 73. He was a coach of youth soccer and football teams.

He was preceded in death by his father, Gilbert; sisters, Julie and Beth; and father–in–law, Alvin Risselada.

Survivors include his wife, Karen; children, Dan and Sandra Besselens; and Jon, Matthew and Andrew Besselens; his mother; Hermee Besselens; sister, Janice and Gary Gibbs; mother–in–law, Gladys Risselada; brothers–in–law, Bruce and Barb Risselada; and Keith and Deb Risselada; and five nephews.

Clayton H. Borgman '52 of Alamro, Texas, died on Tuesday, Aug. 12, 2003. He was 73. He was a graduate of the Ohio State University, where he majored in education and counseling psychology, Western Michigan University, and Michigan University, where he received a master’s degree in school psychology.

He was a veteran of World War II. He served in the 345th Bomb Group, 498th Squadron.

Additional information will appear in the next issue.

Mary E. Crompton '61 of Grandville, Mich., who died on Thursday, Sept. 16, 2003. He was 90. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, serving in World War II. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, serving in World War II. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, serving in World War II.

Word has been received of the death of Al Besselsen '77 of Alamo, Texas, who died on Sunday, July 27, 2003. She was 73. She was a former teacher at the Chelsea Chapel and Aridicn fraternity, and football and track.

She taught school in Whitehall, Lake City, Bay City and Delta College, all in Michigan. He was a former chairman of the Michigan College of Art and Design. He was also an avid wildlife photographer, and had donated a number of previous works to Holland, and Edward Berghorst of Holland, and Rudolph and Edwen Stenk of Holland; his brothers and sisters–in–law, Rich and Joyce Kruissink and Geraldine and Denise Kingma; and many nieces and nephews.

Carol Crist '52 Fern of Fenton, Mich., died on Saturday, Aug. 23, 2003. He was 73. She was a graduate of the University of Michigan.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Charles and Helen (Stewart) Crist, and by a sister, Joan Crist.

Survivors include her husband, Conrad “Dick” Fern; three children, Richard and wife Dorothy Fern of Holly, Mich., Randi Fern of Southfield, Mich., and Adrianna Naid of Grand Blanc, Mich., and Elaine (Fern) Brancheau of Grand Blanc; four grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; one great-grandfather; and one great-grandmother.

J. Boerman '57 of Midland; seven grandchildren, Christopher, Andrew, Aimee, Jacob, Brynn, Kevin and Brenda; his mother, Hermie Besselsen; three sisters, Barbara (Harvey) Heerspink; and a brother, Dick Besselsen.

Word has been received of the death of Henry Wilbert Hoffman '49 of Rothschul, Wis., who died on Monday, July 28, 2003. He was 79. He was a sister-in-law of Roy and Myra Klei '45, Berends.

Word has been received of the death of Leonard Hogenboom '50 of Orange City, Fla., who died on Wednesday, Oct. 8, 2003. Additional information will appear in the next issue.

Word has been received of the death of John R. Hubbard '61 of Ann Arbor, Mich., who died on Monday, Sept. 22, 2003. Additional information will appear in the next issue.

Marjorie Koopman '54 of Zeeland, Mich., who died on Friday, June 19, 2003. She was 70. She was a member of Oakland Christian Reformed Church. She was a former teacher at the Elementary School and a former Sunday School leader.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Harold; three children, Richard and Karen Koopman of Zeeland, Mich., and Edward and David Koopman of Zeeland, Mich., and Clarence and Dorothy Koopman of Byron Center, Mich., and five grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, two brothers, Don and Cory Koopman of Zeeland, Mich., and three sisters, Grace Keitel of Benton Harbor, Mich., and a sister, and by a sister, and by a sister, and by a sister.

She was a graduate of the University of Michigan with a degree in French.

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She is survived by her husband, Arnie Koopman of Byron Center, Mich., and by six grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, two brothers, Don and Cory Koopman of Zeeland, Mich., and three sisters, Grace Keitel of Benton Harbor, Mich., and a sister, and by a sister, and by a sister.

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Paul ’48 and Lois Rameau ’50 Kleis, Ivan and Glennis Kleis ’56 Moerman, and Abigail Studdiford, and the aunt of 16 nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by an older brother, Dr. Walter B. Studdiford ’50 of Somerville, N.J.


Winnie Koopsen ’54 Oakland of Kalamazoo, Mich., died on Monday, Feb. 17, 2003. She was 70.

Having started undergraduate work at Hope, she completed her degree in education at Western Michigan University after her son and daughter had grown. She then became a teacher, primarily in first grade, in the Kalamazoo Public Schools, retiring from Parkwood–Upjohn Elementary in 1994 after 15 years of teaching. She was preceded in death by her parents, Albert and Arrenda (VandenBerg) Koopsen, and by two brothers, Lee and Gary Koopsen. Survivors include her children and their spouses, Debbie and Ron Parker of Bellevue, Wash., and David and Patti Oakland of Hastings, Mich.; four grandchildren; a brother and his wife, John, and Kay Koopsen of Carlsbad, Calif.; an aunt; and several nieces and nephews.

Fern Palma ’83 of Holland, Mich., died on Saturday, Sept. 6, 2003. She was 42. Born in Ketchikan, Alaska, she graduated from Holland High School in 1979 before attending Hope. She was a member of Central Wesleyan Church, where she was a member of the choir.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Eleanor Palma, in 1986. Survivors include her father, Dr. Robert J. Palma (professor emeritus of religion at Hope) and Mary Toppen-Palma ’61 of Holland; a half-sister, Jeanette Palma of Grand Rapids, Mich.; siblings, Robert and Amy Trevorrow ’88 Palma of Rochester Hills, Mich., and Janine Palma-VanDenber of Rosaroke, Va.; step-siblings, Julie and Mark Lester of St. Joseph, Mich.; Jon ’84 and Christina Toppen of Grand Haven, Mich., Jill Toppen ’84 Faulconer and Danny Faulconer of Lexington, Ky., and Dr. Joel Toppen ’91 (assistant professor of political science at Hope) and Heather Backer ’91 Toppen of Grand Haven; and nieces and nephews.

Word has been received of the death of Leon Arthur Roggen ’44 of Tulsa, Okla., who died on Monday, Sept. 8, 2003. More information will appear in the next issue.

Aileen (Alta) Brinks ’25 Rozena of Grand Rapids, Mich., died on Friday, July 4, 2003. She was 99.

She was born on Jan. 2, 1904. She was preceded in death by her husband, Martin, a son, Martin (Mickey); Neil, a nephew who she helped raise; and a grandson, Marty. Survivors include her children, Theodore C. (Frances) Rozena of North Carolina, Steven (Judi) Rozena of Arizona, and Carol (Donald) Knapp of North Carolina; 11 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; one step-brother; and many cousins, a niece and a nephew.

Word has been received of the death of Donald James Schriemer ’47 of Caledonia, Mich., who died on Saturday, Oct. 4, 2003. More information will appear in the next issue.

John E. Spykerman ’52 of Carlsbad, Calif., died on Friday, June 6, 2003. He was 75.

He was born in Alton, Iowa, and graduated from Holland High School. He was a veteran of World War II, serving in the U.S. Navy. He was preceded in death by a son, John J. Spykerman, in 1974; by a daughter-in-law, Sherry Spykerman, in 1997; and by a stepson, David Hulse, in 1995.

Survivors include his wife, Gail; daughter, Patt and Rod Boertje of Fairbanks, Alaska; son, Glenn Spykerman of Prescott, Ariz.; stepdaughter, Jackie Hulse of Vista, Calif.; a grandson; a brother, Wilbur; and Bonnie Spykerman of Cherry Valley, Calif.; sisters, Eileen and Roy Griffiths of Pentwater, Mich., and Else and Gordon Kossen of Holland, Mich.; nieces, nephews and cousins.


He was a veteran of World War II, and served in the U.S. Army. He was a life-long member of the Reformed Church. He was preceded in death by his wife, Margaret, on March 17, 2003.

Survivors include his daughter, Judith and David Koch of Lake Ann; a sister, Wilma Carpenter of Northville, Mich.; and a brother, Jack Van Dam of Florida.

George E. Vischer ’69 of Clifton, N.J., died on Thursday, Aug. 7, 2003. He was 56.

He was a trial manager for Managed Clinical Solutions Inc. in New York City.

He was a member of St. James Episcopal Church in Monclair, where he served as a vestryman and past warden. He was an Eagle Scout, and a former coach for the Western Division Girls Softball League, both in Clifton.


He had worked for G.T.E. as a computer analyst for 25 years. Following retirement, he attended Austin Theological Seminary in Texas, and was serving as pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Clinton.

Survivors include his brothers and sister, Donald Wepfer of Sarasota, Fla., Dennis and Mary Ann Wepfer of Menasha, Wis., Robert and Nancy Wepfer of Sunrise, Fla., and Louise Wepfer and Ed Withey of South Haven, Mich.

Anthonette VanKoevering ’40 Wildschut of Zeeland, Mich., died on Thursday, Aug. 14, 2003. She was 86.

She was a school teacher for 29 years. She was also a member of the First Reformed Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lawrence, in 1997.


Dorothy Plewes ’38 Wyngarden of Zeeland, Mich., died on Thursday, July 31, 2003. She was 89.

She worked for the Zeeland Public Library, and had been a Girl Scout Leader and a member of the Zeeland Literary Club. She was a life-long member of Second Reformed Church; where she had been a Chancel Choir member for more than 50 years and a Sunday school teacher.

Survivors include her husband of 64 years, Dwight; daughter, the Rev. Diane and Wallace Mugg of Holland, Mich.; five grandchildren; sisters-in-law, Anne Vande Vusse of Grand Rapids, Mich., Joyce Plewes, and Norma Raterink of Zeeland, and nieces and nephews.

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He was preceded in death by his first wife, Reuzina.

Survivors include his wife, Genevieve; children, John Blom ’63 and Sharon Cady ’63 Blom of Hudsonville, Janet Cady ’64 Shoup and David Shoup of Oak Park, Ill., Sandra Cady Mulder ’65 and Ronald Mulder ’65 of Oakville, Ill., and Sarah Cady ’81 Nobles and John Craig Nobles of Colorado Springs, Colo.; eight grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.
In 35 years, Dr. Herb Dershem of the computer science faculty really has seen it all.

When he arrived as a young professor of mathematics (there wasn’t yet a department of computer science) in 1969, Hope had one computer: a room-filling IBM 1130 that weighed 2,250 pounds, had 8K of memory capacity and 1 megabyte of disk capacity, and cost $80,000 ($450,000 in 2003 dollars). No monitors. Lots of manila-type punch cards.

Today, students in a new version of Computer Science 120 piloted by his colleague (and former student) Dr. Ryan McFall ’03 have all been issued their own portable Compaq Tablet PCs so that they can read and even refine their course’s text online—and share insights the same way. The textbook-sized machines weigh four pounds, have 256,000K and 30,000 megabytes (30GB) hard drives, and cost about $1,700. Students can take notes by writing on the monitor, their pen strokes translated to type by the computer. Built-in wireless connections allow ready access to the campus-wide computer network and, by extension, the world-spanning Internet.

The degree of change illustrates the department’s major challenge and guiding principle: to prepare students to thrive in a field in which science fiction transforms to science fact at a dizzying rate.

“The key thing in terms of computer science—it’s true in every field, but maybe even more so in computer science—is learning how to learn, because that’s what they’re going to be doing for the rest of their lives,” Dr. Dershem said.

“If what we focus on is the technology itself, it’s not going to serve them well through a 30- to 40-year career in this field,” he said. “What they do have to learn is how to learn, and they have to learn the general principles that underlie the technologies, because those principles will be maintained no matter what technology comes along.”

As a result, Dr. Dershem noted, the department exposes students to multiple technologies and multiple programming languages, to help prepare them for the changes that will be a constant. Junior Nick Sumner of Midland, Mich., who is triple majoring in computer science, mathematics and German, understands the rationale.

“You can get a lot of exposure to different languages, and that certainly provides a greater ability to see patterns in the languages and learn how to program, rather than how to just code in a language,” he said.

Classmate Chris Johnson of White Lake, Mich., a computer science and mathematics double major, agreed.

“Some of the earlier classes are more programming-based, but as you move along you can refer to that as a sort of reference to you as you are learning new concepts,” he said. “As you move along it really opens you up to all the different areas of computer science and how all of them work together.”

Given the usefulness in patterns, Drs. Dershem and McFall are team-teaching a new course titled “Great Debates in Computer Science.” Their premise is that much in the discipline proves cyclical, and that issues and reasoning from bygone days can inform decision-making in the 21st century.

For example, in the era of the IBM 1130, each machine had one user at a time. Successors (like the Vax at Hope) permitted multiple users simultaneously. As stand-alone personal computers became in vogue, each machine again had one user. In today’s era of networks, though, those individual machines are often tied together in a hybrid model of computation with features of both local and centralized processing.

In the early days of personal computing, lack of memory was often a limitation. Today, Dr. McFall noted, as even inexpensive machines come with hundreds of megabytes of RAM and multiple gigabytes of storage space, it’s less of an issue. Or is it? Developers of applications for technologies such as Palm Pilots have to work around limited memory (for now, at least...), as do those dealing with equipment such as a modern automobile’s computer brain.

“It seems like nothing is the same, but in reality it is,” Dr. McFall said. “And so people are attacking those same problems still.”

Dr. McFall, who joined the faculty in 2000, enjoys teaching the course with his former undergraduate mentor, and noted that his colleague’s involvement presents students with a unique opportunity.

“It’s more than that he was chair for nearly 30 years,” he said. “It’s that he’s been sort of a witness to the entire evolution of computing. I don’t think there’s anybody else on campus that’s been around for the whole history of their discipline.”

Dr. McFall recognizes that computers have been around for far longer than Dr. Dershem’s tenure, but notes that it is really only since the late 1960s that they have followed the trajectory that has taken them to their current prominence.

Hope’s program has developed apace. The first course, Math 27, was in beginning FORTRAN and taught by the late Dr. Richard Brockmeier ’59. Dr. Dershem took over the course when he joined the faculty. He had completed his doctorate in computer science at Purdue, and at the time was one of fewer than 30 people in the world with a Ph.D. in the field.

The department itself began in the early 1970s, chaired by Dr. David Marker (who was this year’s Opening Convocation speaker—please see page two). Dr. Dershem became chair in 1975, serving until succeeded by Dr. Michael Jipping this year. Today the department has four full-time faculty, and degree options include a bachelor of arts or bachelor of science in computer science as well as (through the department of physics and engineering) a bachelor of science in engineering with a computer engineering emphasis.

Emphases within the department also include the college-wide staple of involving students in original collaborative research with faculty. Both Sumner and Johnson have participated in summer research projects, as did recent graduate Alex Sherstov ’03 of Karagandy, Kazakhstan, who is now doing graduate work in artificial intelligence at the University of Texas.

“The computer science department at Hope offers exclusive research opportunities for undergraduates, a factor that was particularly important for me because of my interest in becoming a researcher/professor in the field,” he said.

Reflecting on his experience in the program, Sherstov gives the department high marks on multiple measures.

“Among the most salient ones are: enthusiastic, highly qualified faculty who have a genuine personal interest in their students; abundant state-of-the-art facilities; an outstanding research program; intellectually stimulating and emotionally rewarding coursework; and a very supportive department culture,” he said.

All of course also takes place within Hope’s broader liberal arts context. Just as the discipline does not remain static, neither does it take place within a vacuum. In fact, the college’s breadth played a major role in Emily Tennant ’03’s decision to attend.

“I picked the school because I like the size, the atmosphere and the breadth of the education,” she said. Tennant, originally from Pinckney, Mich., is now applying that breadth in graduate school, pursuing a master of science in information science at the University of Michigan. She is interested in working with library computer systems.

“I may not be a typical computer science student, but I feel that there is every advantage to having an interdisciplinary education,” she said. “The skills learned in other classes teach you critical thinking, writing, etc., that really are helpful in the ‘real’ world. Personally I think that it just makes you such a more well-rounded, truly educated person.”

As he anticipates his post-Hope career, Johnson has the same perspective.

“Computer science is stereotypically a very closed field, with sort of an antisocial aura about it,” Johnson said. “Yet in the workplace, interactions with people, writing reports, writing proposals, making presentations, expressing your ideas to people who may not know the lingo of computer science, who may not have had the background that you’ve had—people in human resources or in management that you are trying to explain these things to—make the liberal arts education essential in helping you express your ideas and interact with people from a variety of backgrounds.”

The rate of change in computer science makes adaptability a key trait—and important lesson for students. Dr. Herb Dershem, who joined the faculty in 1969, holds a present-day Tablet PC amidst a variety of machines from earlier eras.